

LOCAL NEWS.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.—We have received from G. Brooke, periodical agent, Pennsylvania avenue, between 3d and 4th streets, "Richelieu in Love," an historical comedy, prohibited from public representation in England, by order of the Lord Chamberlain.

"The False Prince," a translation from the French; "Narrative and Recollections of Van Dieman's Land," by a Canadian Captive; and the "Prairie Bird," an Indian romance, by the Hon. C. Augustus Murray.

CONCERT.—The Ladies of St. Vincent's Male Orphan Asylum respectfully inform the citizens of the District that their Fair is still open at Carusi's Saloon, and that on this (Thursday) evening they will give a musical soiree—Mr. Dufield, and Professors Hewitt and Scheel having volunteered their services. It is hoped the friends of the institution will be present on the occasion.

DIED.—On the 12th inst., WILLIAM ALOYSIUS, son of CHRISTOPHER and ELIZABETH GILL, aged 11 years 2 months and 20 days.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.—An address will be delivered at half past seven this evening, (Thursday the 16th) at Apollo Hall, on the Means of American Advancement. The Marine Band is expected to be in attendance, and to perform the national airs and other pieces. The military companies, and the public generally, are invited to attend. Seats are appropriated for the ladies. Admittance free.

Thomas Jefferson once said, after he had been President of the United States, "the habit of using intoxicating drinks, by men in public office, has occasioned more injury to the public service, and more trouble to me, than any other circumstance which occurred in the internal concerns of the country during my administration; and were I to commence my administration again, with the knowledge which from experience I have acquired, the first question which I would ask, with regard to every candidate for office, should be, is he addicted to the use of intoxicating drinks?"

Temperance Meetings this (Thursday) evening, corner Pennsylvania avenue and 7th street, and on Friday evening at Concert Hall. Members of Congress, and other zealous friends of the cause, will address the meeting. may16

NOTICE.—A lecture will be delivered before the Union Literary and Debating Society on Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock, at the Session room of the Baptist Church, by Dr. Condict; after which, a debate on the question before the society. The public are invited. may16

MALE ORPHAN ASYLUM.—The Managers of the Male Orphan Asylum, an infant branch of St. Vincent's Female Orphan Asylum, have opened a FAIR at Carusi's Saloon for the sale of useful and ornamental articles, prepared by benevolent ladies of our city. The Marine Band will attend each evening. may13

NEW AND CHEAP DRY GOODS.—The subscriber will open to-day a large assortment of new and cheap Dry Goods, among which are—

250 pieces worsted Balzarines, of the latest style
100 do cotton do beautiful colors and patterns
150 pieces handsome Lawns and French Muslins
100 do lace striped Lawns and Muslins
50 do colored and black Berge
20 do plain and striped black Balzarine
50 do second mourning Balzarines and Lawns
250 do handsome spring Calicoes
100 do Cambric and Jaconet Muslins
50 do lace striped and plaid Cambrics
10 dozen handsome berge Shawls
20 white Canton Cape Shawls
10 cartons silk, satin, and other fancy Shawls and 250 dozen ladies Cotton Hose [Hdkfs]
20 do white and black Silk Hose
100 pieces Irish Linen, warranted all linen
20 do Russia and Irish table Diapers
20 do heavy Huckaback Towelling
25 do 10-4 and 12-4 Linen Sheeting
A general assortment of goods for men and boys' wear, embracing every article required for spring and summer wear.

Most of the above goods having been purchased at auction at great sacrifices, they will be offered at from 15 to 20 per cent. less than former prices. I respectfully solicit a call from my friends and the public generally. R. C. WASHINGTON. may16-3aw2wif

BECKWITH'S ANTI-DYSPEPTIC PILLS.—W. ELIOT & CO. sale by— Corner of F and 12th streets. may1-1m

DOG LOST.—LOST, on the 30th April last, in the neighborhood of Gadsby's Hotel, a fine Newfoundland pup, about five months old. He is of a tawny orange color, with a white slip on the nose, four white feet, and short hair. He is a remarkable dog for his size, and answers to the name of SCOTT. A liberal reward will be given for his recovery. Apply at this office. may9-1w



GRAND SPARRING EXHIBITION.—WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS, MAY 15 & 16.

AT NATIONAL HALL, on C street, in the rear of Gadsby's hotel. Mr. Perry will give his LAST exhibition of this marly art on the above named evening, when he will be assisted by the following professional gentlemen—

MESSRS. JAS. SANDFORD, CORDERY, KENSETT, and ROSEE, of New York.

The Indian delegation, composed of the celebrated Seminole warriors, Wild Cat, Alligator, Tuskenuggee, and Tiger Tail, now in the city, have been invited, and will be in attendance in full costume.

Tickets, on this occasion, 50 cents. Doors open at 7 1/2 o'clock. may14-3t

GREAT CURIOSITY.—THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN BUFFALOES will be exhibited, for a few days only, at the carriage house adjoining the Washington Stables on 8th street, between Pennsylvania avenue and the Patent Office. They are of various ages, were caught at great expense, and are rarely to be seen by the Western pioneers. They are so arranged in a cleanly enclosure, that ladies and children may visit them in perfect safety.

Admittance only 25 cents—Children half price. may10-1w B. DADE & CO.

TWENTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1844.

SENATE.

Mr. BUCHANAN presented resolutions adopted by what was called a great Democratic meeting, held in Moyamensing, first Congressional district of Pennsylvania, in favor of the immediate annexation of Texas.

Mr. TAPPAN, a remonstrance against this measure from citizens of Ohio.

Mr. BAYARD, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill concerning furloughs in the naval service.

Mr. BREESE, on leave, introduced a bill to grant certain lands to Illinois, for the purpose of connecting Lake Erie and the Ohio by improving the navigation of the Wabash river.

Mr. WRIGHT reported a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of William D. Cheever; also, a report from the Secretary of War connected with the same.

The Senate then took up the general orders. A bill to settle claims that have grown out of the Florida war was taken up.

Mr. WRIGHT said that since the Committee had made their report, based upon general principles, a committee in the other House had made an elaborate report on several individual cases, strongly unfavorable to their claims; especially was this done in the case of General Hernandez, one of the largest claimants. He was not prepared to say that the bill ought not to pass, because he had not consulted the committee, but for the present he moved to lay it on the table.

A bill for the relief of Henry Gardner and others, directors of an association called the N. E. Mississippi Land Company. After a brief discussion, this ancient bill (having been before Congress thirty years or more) was ordered to be engrossed by a vote of 21 to 14.

Bills for the relief of William D. Walker and Charles E. Sherman were laid on the table. The following bills and joint resolutions were ordered to be engrossed:

For the relief of Gideon Batchelder and others, of Gloucester, Massachusetts.
Authorizing the payment of reasonable commissions to agents or attorneys of claimants under treaties of indemnity.

Concerning Alexander Vattermere's literary exchanges.
For the relief of Purser D. M. F. Thornton. Granting a pension to George Wheaton.

Several messages in writing were received from the President of the United States.

The Senate spent some time in discussing a bill to allow persons holding lands under Indian reservations to alienate the same in fee, and afterwards passed into Executive session.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The first business was a call of the Committees for reports.

Mr. DROMGOOLE, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported an act amendatory of an act for the liquidation of certain claims of Virginia, passed July, 1832.

Mr. MCLELLAN, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill amendatory of that concerning duties on railroad iron.

Mr. DUNLAP, from the same Committee, reported without amendment Senate bill, No. 74.

Mr. HOPKINS, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, made a report on the subject of the rates of postage. Mr. H. said the Committee had not yet prepared a bill, but would do so shortly. This report simply recommends a change from the present to a decimal rate, that is, where the rates are 6 1/2, 12 1/2, and 18 1/2, making them 5, 10, and 15 cents.

Mr. J. R. INGERSOLL hoped that some early day would be named for the consideration of this report; but none such was named.

Mr. FISH, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to reduce the expenses of the Academy at West Point, and for other purposes.

Mr. PARMENTER, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report concerning the calamity on board the Princeton, of which 2,000 extra copies were ordered to be printed.

The same Committee also reported a bill to test the utility of a sub-marine telescope.

Mr. C. J. INGERSOLL, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported a resolution that the President be requested, as soon as may be compatible with the public interest, to put an end to the reciprocity treaties between this country and Denmark, Sweden, and the Hanse Towns, and to procure such an alteration in that with England as to enable us to trade with her Colonies on the same footing with English vessels.

Mr. CHILTON, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a bill to incorporate the Washington Mutual Insurance Co.

Mr. HARPER, from the Committee on Patents, made an unfavorable report on the memorial of William Beach.

The same Committee asked to be discharged from a memorial of Henry M. Shreeve, and that it be referred to a select committee of five, which was ordered.

Mr. SAUNDERS, of North Carolina, moved a suspension of the rules for the purpose of getting in a resolution for reprinting the testimony in the case of Messrs. Rathbun and White.

Mr. WHITE hoped no friend of his would vote for a suspension of the rules. He had asked the other day to have the report recommitted, as it was full of errors, but he had been over-ruled.

The motion to suspend was lost—91 to 79. A resolution was unanimously adopted, directing the Clerk of the House to pay \$150 to John L. Wirt, who was wounded in the House subsequent to the occurrence above referred to.

Mr. CAMPBELL, of S. C., Chairman of the Committee on the District of Columbia, made one more effort to get up the District Bank bill. The motion to go into Committee of the Whole was lost by a vote of 112 to 69.

Mr. HOLMES, of S. C., moved that when the House adjourn it should do so to meet again on Monday next, in order to give opportunity to put the bill in summer term.

This called forth a wonderful sensation.

Mr. HENLEY, of Ia., moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was lost—73 to 69.

The yeas and nays were then brought to bear on the resolution, and it was rejected—122 to 52.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.

This bill was taken up, and Mr. DUNCAN addressed the House in a speech containing the usual arguments about coons and banners, together with garbled statements in reference to Ohio elections.

Mr. STEVENS having stated that the ordina-

ry and extraordinary expenses of Mr. Van Buren's administration amounted to \$140,000,000, and Mr. DUNCAN having set them down at \$110,000,000, this discrepancy gave rise to some controversy. Mr. S. fortified his statement by an appeal to the documents of the Register of the Treasury.

The discussion was continued by Messrs. HAMLIN, MCCLERNARD, and others; the objection to the bill was, that it would require the extraordinary assembling of nearly half the State Legislatures.

The previous question was finally moved upon the bill, but the House, when summoned to vote, found itself without a quorum.

A call of the House was moved, and ordered. Here followed a scene of confusion, which lasted for more than an hour.

166 members answered to their names. The call of absentees was commenced.

The Sergeant-at-Arms brought in Messrs. John B. Weller, John P. Hale, and others.

Mr. CAVE JOHNSON was diligently sought for by the Sergeant-at-Arms for nearly an hour and a half, but could not be found, and was among the last of the absentees to make his appearance.

Excuses were received for absentees.

Mr. CLINGMAN moved that Mr. Cave Johnson should be excused, because he must have had some good reason for being out.

Mr. HOLMES moved to excuse him, because by his absence he had shown the necessity of some relaxation.

Mr. JOHNSON was not excused, nor was any one unless detained by sickness.

A posse of absentees were arrested in the gallery by the Sergeant-at-Arms. Some were gone to dinner, some one way and some another, and some were enjoying race-rational amusement.

A motion to suspend further proceedings in the call was finally made, and carried.

Another motion was made to reconsider. [All this time the doors were kept rigorously closed, and the ins and outs were subject to great inconvenience.]

A motion was made to adjourn, and the yeas and nays were called, and stood yeas 84, nays 90. The motion to reconsider the vote by which the House had suspended further proceedings in the call of members was withdrawn.

The previous question on the bill was then seconded, and the yeas and nays were at length called on its passage, and the bill fixing the Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November as the day for choosing electors of President and Vice President of the United States in all the States of the Union was passed by yeas 141 to nays 34.

Mr. DUNCAN moved a reconsideration, and called the previous question.

Mr. SCHENCK wished to inquire whether, if the previous question were withdrawn, it would be in order for any member from Ohio to reply to the remarks that had been made about the Ohio elections?

Dr. DUNCAN. "I call the previous question."

Well, said Mr. S., I suppose that's the end of it.

The House refused to reconsider the vote, and adjourned.

NOTE.—We should have stated in our report of yesterday that the substitute for the House bill which was submitted by Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, and which was adopted, was the charter submitted by the convention of the 4th, 6th, and a part of the 5th ward.

NEW AND SPLENDID FRENCH PAPER HANGINGS.

S. P. FRANKLIN has just received, per ship Albany, direct from France, a most superb collection of Paris Paper Hangings, of the most modern and fashionable patterns and tints, imported expressly to order.

S. P. F. has also received 15 cases of American Paper Hangings, assorted qualities, from the most approved manufacturers in the country. A large quantity of these papers comprising a beautiful assortment, will be sold as low as 25 cents per piece.

This importation, in addition to his former assortment, renders his stock now more extensive and complete than at any previous period. His purchases were all made for cash, and will be disposed of as low as they can possibly be bought at any of the Northern or Eastern markets.

By the same arrival was received a large supply of splendid Fire Board Prints, Oriental, Fancy, Historical, and Picturesque Window Shades, of all sizes and patterns. may8-eo7t

LETTERS OF CURTIUS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

NOS. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Price \$1 per 100—\$5 per 1000. Single copy, 2 cents. For sale at FARNHAM'S, and also at HAMPTON'S. Every true Whig is invited to purchase and circulate. They will be continued, weekly, until the Presidential election, if encouraged. may7

VARIETY STORE.

J. D. BOTELER having removed his store to next door of E. Simms's wine store, on Pennsylvania avenue, and second door from 4th street, calls the attention of his friends, and the public generally, to his stock of staple and fancy articles, which consists in part of—

Hardware and Cutlery
Crochery, Glass and China Ware
Brushes, Tin and Wood Ware
Baskets, Basket Carriages and Cradles
Hollow Ware, &c., &c., &c.

With many other articles too numerous to mention in an advertisement; all of which he pledges himself to sell as low as they can be obtained in the District. ap30-1m

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

OUR store having been entered on Monday evening, between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock, and a number of articles—among which are two silver watches, one miniature and case, six plated sugar tongs, several plated fob chains, with many rings and pins of no great value, one card of pearl handled knives with two and three blades, several shirts, one of which was linen, suspenders, gloves, stocks, &c.—taken from the window, we will give the above reward for the conviction of the thief or thieves, with the recovery of any part of the above goods.

LEWIS & HUNT, Penn. avenue, near 11th street. may15

THE IMPROVEMENTS IN AGRICULTURE, ARTS, &c., OF THE UNITED STATES.

A set forth luminously and at length in the Report of Hon. W. H. Ellsworth, Commissioner of Patents, forms No. 2, of the Tribune's series. It is one of the most valuable and instructive documents ever published, and should be in the hands of every man in the Union.

To the above work is also added a valuable Treatise on Raising Swine, and the best method of Fat-tening Pork, with a plan for building Styes. Also, a treatise of great value, entitled GEOLOGY, as connected with Agriculture. The price for the whole is 25 cents, by the single copy—\$1 for five copies. Just received and for sale at the Stationery store of R. FARNHAM, may13 Corner of 11th st. and Penn. avenue.

MUSIC! MUSIC!!
FOR THE PIANO FORTE, GUITAR, HARP, FLUTE, AND VIOLIN.—The subscriber having been solicited by his numerous customers to keep on sale an assortment of MUSIC, has, within the last six months, received a very excellent collection, all of which has been carefully selected by some of the best judges and amateurs, who have aided him in making up his selection, other than the latest publications. He will be in receipt of NEW MUSIC every few days, and will be happy to receive orders from his customers for any music they may desire, which will be promptly attended to.

A collection of 2,000 pieces has this day been received, which are offered at the usual prices.

GARRET ANDERSON. G. A. will receive in a few days an assortment of Music which will be sold at half price. may14-1w

TRAVELLERS AND GENTLEMEN

WHO may meet with accidents to their clothing by grease, paint, tar, &c., or may have become faded in color, and wish them restored to their pristine appearance, as when from the tailor's hand, (on a few hours' notice,) are respectfully invited to send or call on the subscriber, and examine his superior style of Coat Dressing and Dyeing, acknowledged by all, on trial, to be the best extant. Remember, his black dyes never soil. His motto is, No cure no pay.

WM. BELL, Dyer and Coat Dresser. South side Penn. avenue, near 4th st., Washington.

Established in Baltimore in the year 1821; branch at Washington in 1824. may14-1w

LIGHT SUMMER HATS.

I HAVE this day opened 30 cases of Hats, consisting of Panama, Leghorn, and the Canada Hat, (a new article,) together with a great variety of cheap Hats to suit the season; also, white, blue, pearl, and black Cassimeres; Beaver, Mole-skin, Brush, Russia, and Silk Hats, got up in the very best style, and remarkably light. E. G. HANDY, may14—Btw. Brown's and Gadsby's Hotels.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!!

WE have just received, per packets Alexandria and Victory, from New York, a large and well-selected stock of FAMILY GROCERIES, among which are the following, viz:

SUGARS—Loaf, Pulverized, Crushed, Lump, N. Orleans, Porto Rico, Muscovado, Havana, Brown, &c. MOLASSES—Porto Rico, New Orleans, Sugar-house Syrup.

TEAS—Imperial, Gunpowder, Old Hyson, Young Hyson, Hyson Skin, Pouchong, &c.—all well selected.

COFFEE—Java, Angostura, Rio, Cuba, Laguyra, St. Domingo, and Burnt. SPICES—Allspice, Mace, Cloves, Pepper, Ginger, Nutmegs, Cinnamon, &c.

FRUIT—Figs, Raisins, Prunes, Citron, Tamarinds, &c. OIL—Lamp, Sweet, and Florence. CANDLES—Wax (colored), Mould, Sperm, Patent Sperm, and Adamantine.

SOAP—Windsor, Castile, Palm, Almond, Brown FISH—Mackerel, Cod, Shad, Scotch and other Herring, &c.

CIGARS—15,000 best Puerto Principe, and other brands. MISCELLANEOUS—Cheese, Lard, Hams, Salt, Macaroni, Vermicelli, Pickles, Catsups, &c.

MATS—A great variety, made of grass, hemp, &c., &c. WOODWARE of all kinds.

Citizens, generally, are respectfully invited to give us a call at the corner of 7th and E streets, opposite the General Post Office. may14-1f FALES & GLOVER.

JUST RECEIVED,

PER PACKET DODGE, in addition to our former stock, 8 hds. Porto Rico, New Orleans, and Muscovado SUGAR. Also, a prime lot of New York FAMILY FLOUR. Citizens, generally, are respectfully invited to give us a call, at the corner of E and 7th streets, opposite General Post Office. may13-1f FALES & GLOVER.

JUST RECEIVED,

TOOLS, HOUSEKEEPERS' ARTICLES, FISHING TACKLE, and a variety of other useful articles, too numerous to mention; all of which are offered as cheap as they can be purchased from pedlars, auctioneers, or the regular trade.

GEO. SAVAGE. N. B. A large assortment of best Brushes always on hand. may10-eow4w

GREAT ATTRACTIONS AND GREAT BARGAINS TO BE HAD AT HALL & BROTHER'S, between 7th and 8th streets, opposite Centre Market.

Just received, 147 packages new spring goods from New York, comprising one of the best assorted stocks that can be found in this city, consisting in part of—200 pieces Bergees for ladies' dresses, some very beautiful in style, and fine in quality, from 25 cents to \$1 per yard.

195 pieces silk and worsted Balzarines, for ladies' dresses, from 25 to 62 1/2 cents
55 pieces splendid Chamelon Silk, fm 50 to 100 cts
35 dresses Lau Foulard Silks, entire new article
45 pieces black and second mourning Bergees
15 do blk plaid twisted Silks, for ladies' dresses
35 do black and white Gingham
50 do Palzarine Lawns, some black and second mourning

25 do Mousseline de Syria
75 dozen genuine French linen cambric Hdk's
56 do best quality French kid Gloves
46 10-4 Lau silk Shawls, entire new article
65 barazze Shawls, some black and second mourning satin stripe

68 plaid and stripe silk Shawls
300 pieces Mousseline de Laine, at every price which can be mentioned, from 16 to 25 cents.
35 pieces black Alpaccas, some extra fine, from 45 to 100 cents

30 pieces colored Alpaccas, do do
110 do Gimps, all colors
125 do Irish Linens, Barkley's make, which we will warrant to be genuine, and the cheapest linens in the city

20 pieces 12-4 linen Sheatings, extra fine
28 do 5-4 pillow-case Linens do
110 do Brown Hollands, from 12 to 25 cents
115 do Crash, from 6 to 10 cents
120 do Rus-la Diapers

18 do Huckaback Diapers
20 do 8-4 and 10-4 damask Table Linens
85 do Nankens, at 12 cents
10 do grass Linens, for skirts
75 do thin white Corded Skirts, handsome art.

450 doz. cotton Hose, variety of colors, 12 to 37 cts
500 pieces blk and white Calicoes, extra fine, 12 cts
800 do Calicoes, extra fine, and beautiful style
115 do 5-4 bleached Sheetings, very fine, 12 cts
400 do extra fine Shirting Cottons
800 do brown Cottons, from 6 to 12 cents
100 do Straw Matting, 4-4, 5-4, and 6-4

15 bales linen Burlaps, Nos. 1, 2, and 3
And a variety of other articles, too numerous to mention. We can safely say we have the handsomest assortment of goods we ever had, and if purchasers do not call and see our goods before purchasing elsewhere, they will have much to lose. Do not forget to call. HALL & BROTHER.

NEW BOOKBINDERY.

WILLIAM H. NALLEY would respectfully inform his friends and the public, that he has opened a Bookbindery on Pennsylvania avenue, next door to Biers's Temperance Hotel. He would request those who have books to bind to give him a call, where he may always be found ready to execute all orders left with him. ap 17-6m

AUCTION SALES.

SALES THIS DAY.

BY LEWIS & HUNT.

DRY GOODS AT AUCTION.

ON THIS EVENING, at early candlelight, at the store beneath Mrs. Holmead's Boarding house, situated between 3d and 4th streets, Pennsylvania avenue, we shall sell a large and extensive assortment of Fancy and Staple Dry Goods, Fancy Articles, &c.; a large assortment, too numerous to particularize. The sale of this extensive and splendid stock of fresh goods will be continued every night until disposed of; it being a branch of a Northern firm, and the person compelled to leave the city. may10-1f LEWIS & HUNT, Auctioneers.

BY R. W. DYER & CO.

HOUSE AND LOT AT AUCTION.

On Thursday, the 16th instant, at 5 o'clock, P. M., we shall sell, in front of the premises, at present occupied by James C. McGuire, part of lot No. 7, in square No. 431, on 8th, between D and E streets, near the General Post Office, with the improvements, which are a good two story Frame House, containing six rooms, and basement and kitchen; the lot runs back to an alley.

Terms of Sale: One-fourth cash, the balance in six, twelve, eighteen, and twenty-four months, for notes satisfactorily secured, bearing interest. Sale positive. The house can be examined any time previous to the sale. R. W. DYER & CO., may13-4t Auctioneers.

BY WILLIAM MARSHALL.

FURNITURE, &c., AT AUCTION.

ON THURSDAY MORNING, 16th instant, at 9 o'clock, I will sell, in front of my store, a good and handsome assortment of new and second-hand Furniture, viz: mahogany Sofas, dining Tables, card and breakfast do., toilet and plain Bureaus, Sideboards, Ottomans, high and low post maple and poplar Bedsteads, mahogany rocking and parlor Chairs, brass and wood work 8-day and 30-hour Clocks, Looking Glasses, Carpets, Rods, Wash Stands, Toilet Tables, hair and shuck Mattresses, Beds, and Bedding; with a variety of Kitchen Furniture.

Also—China and other Tea Sets, Dinner Sets, Tumblers, Wine Glasses, Jars, Lamps, &c., &c. may15